

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph **at page 1, lines 6-12** with the following amended paragraph:

Cross reference is made to the following related applications incorporated by reference herein: ~~Attorney Docket Number D/A3028U.S. Patent Application No. 10/447,737~~ entitled "MACHINE POST-LAUNCH CONFIGURATION AND OPTION UPGRADE" to Robert A. Koontz, Christian Redder, Heiko Rommelmann, David S. Shuman, and Christian G. Midgley; ~~U.S. Patent Application No. 10/ 630,076Attorney Docket Number D/A3245~~ entitled "MACHINE POST-LAUNCH CONFIGURATION AND OPTION UPGRADE WITH MASTER KEY" to Robert A. Koontz, James A. Long, and Heiko Rommelmann.

Please replace paragraph **at page 8, lines 2-17** with the following amended paragraph:

SOK 210 is comprised of NVM 22. A SOK may be comprised of additional elements besides memory as for example a power supply, off board drivers, socket hardware, level shifting circuits, interface hardware or as described below wireless communication circuits. In the present example SOK 210 is comprised solely of NVM 22. In one contemplated alternative SOK 22 is embodied as a CRUM (Customer Replaceable Unit Monitor). Here NVM 22 is provided for in the form of an EEPROM (Electrically Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory). The memory 22 is preferably of a non-volatile type of memory such as the EEPROM just mentioned above. However, it will be well understood that there are many different ways to effect non-volatile memory and all those ways are within the contemplation of the present invention. For example, conventional ROM (Read Only Memory) is typically volatile and will lose the data contents of its cells when power is removed. However, if ROM is

provided in combination with a long life battery on the SOK and if the ROM is of sufficiently low power dissipation, the combination may for all practical purposes effect a non-volatile memory as far as the useful life of the SOK is concerned.